

1 **Rule 15-605. Imposition of sanctions.**

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3 Absent aggravating or mitigating circumstances, upon application of the factors set out in
4 Rule 15-604 of this Article, the following sanctions are generally appropriate.

5 (a) Delicensure. Delicensure is generally appropriate when a licensed paralegal practitioner:

6 (a)(1) knowingly engages in professional misconduct as defined in Rule 8.4(a), (d), (e), or (f)
7 of the Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Rules of Professional Conduct with the intent to benefit
8 the licensed paralegal practitioner or another or to deceive the court, and causes serious or
9 potentially serious injury to a party, the public, or the legal system, or causes serious or
10 potentially serious interference with a legal proceeding; or

11 (a)(2) engages in serious criminal conduct, a necessary element of which includes intentional
12 interference with the administration of justice, false swearing, misrepresentation, fraud,
13 extortion, misappropriation, or theft; or the sale, distribution, or importation of controlled
14 substances; or the intentional killing of another; or an attempt or conspiracy or solicitation of
15 another to commit any of these offenses; or

16 (a)(3) engages in any other intentional misconduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or
17 misrepresentation that seriously adversely reflects on the licensed paralegal practitioner's fitness
18 to practice law as a licensed paralegal practitioner.

19 (b) Suspension. Suspension is generally appropriate when a licensed paralegal practitioner:

20 (b)(1) knowingly engages in professional misconduct as defined in Rule 8.4(a), (d), (e), or (f)
21 of the Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Rules of Professional Conduct and causes injury or
22 potential injury to a party, the public, or the legal system, or causes interference or potential
23 interference with a legal proceeding; or

24 (b)(2) engages in criminal conduct that does not contain the elements listed in Rule 15-
25 605(a)(2) but nevertheless seriously adversely reflects on the licensed paralegal practitioner's
26 fitness to practice law as a licensed paralegal practitioner.

27 (c) Reprimand. Reprimand is generally appropriate when a licensed paralegal practitioner:

28 (c)(1) negligently engages in professional misconduct as defined in Rule 8.4(a), (d), (e), or (f)
29 of the Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Rules of Professional Conduct and causes injury to a party,
30 the public, or the legal system, or causes interference with a legal proceeding; or

31 (c)(2) engages in any other misconduct that involves dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or
32 misrepresentation and that adversely reflects on the licensed paralegal practitioner's fitness to
33 practice law as a licensed paralegal practitioner.

34 (d) Admonition. Admonition is generally appropriate when a licensed paralegal practitioner:

35 (d)(1) negligently engages in professional misconduct as defined in Rule 8.4(a), (d), (e), or
36 (f) of the Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Rules of Professional Conduct and causes little or no
37 injury to a party, the public, or the legal system or interference with a legal proceeding, but
38 exposes a party, the public, or the legal system to potential injury or causes potential interference
39 with a legal proceeding; or

40 (d)(2) engages in any professional misconduct not otherwise identified in this rule that
41 adversely reflects on the licensed paralegal practitioner's fitness to practice law as a licensed
42 paralegal practitioner.